

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: ENRG, VT  
SUBJ: THIRD COUNTRY OIL EXPLORATION IN VIETNAM

NOTING THAT NORWEGIAN, GERMAN AND JAPANESE COMPANIES ALL  
CONSIDERING OIL EXPLORATION IN VIETNAM, UNION TEXAS REP  
HERE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT SEE HOW THESE COMPANIES COULD  
UNDERTAKE DRILLING PROGRAM WITHOUT BUYING OR LEASING US  
EQUIPMENT OR SUBCONTRACTING WITH US FIRMS. HE ASKED  
ABOUT LEGAL IMPLICATIONS. WE TOLD HIM THAT US COMPANIES  
COULD NOT LEGALLY SUBCONTRACT AND PROBABLY COULD NOT  
LEASE EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT THAT US LAW  
WOULD NOT COVER USE OF US EQUIPMENT PURCHASED OUT-  
RIGHT BY FOREIGN EXPLORATION COMPANIES. WOULD APPRECIATE  
ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE, SPECIFICALLY ON APPLICATION OF  
LAW TO LEASING.  
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## Message Attributes

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